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Recreation Facility Impacts Due to High Water for the Weekend of July 1, 2006

PITTSBURGH – Recent heavy rains and resulting high lake levels have led to the closure of a number of recreation facilities at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in the Pittsburgh District. The impacts are listed below for those facilities that are affected. Recreation areas will reopen as the pool levels recede and debris cleanup is accomplished. The status is subject to change based on any additional rain that is received and it is recommended that members of the public call the recorded 24-hour information line or the specific recreation facility for updates.

<u>Crooked Creek Lake, Pa.</u> – The boat launch, beach and organized group campground are currently closed and it is doubtful that they will reopen in time for weekend visitors. The family campground and picnic areas are unaffected by the high water level and are available for use. (24-hour recorded message, 724-763-2764)

Mahoning Creek Lake, Pa. – Both boat launches at this project – the Milton Loop Boat Launch and the Sportsman's Boat Launch – are currently out of service. The Milton Loop Campground and the project picnic areas are unaffected by the high water levels and are available for use. (24-hour recorded message, 814-257-8017)

Recreational boaters on Pittsburgh District rivers and lakes are reminded to be particularly observant when boating after heavy rains. The runoff from storm events increases the chances of encountering logs and other debris in the water. Often, this debris is partially submerged and even more difficult to see.

There are no recreation facility closures to report at the remaining reservoirs in the Pittsburgh District – Berlin Lake, Conemaugh River Lake, East Branch Clarion River Lake, Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir, Loyalhanna Lake, Michael J. Kirwan Dam and Reservoir, Mosquito Creek Lake, Shenango River Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tionesta Lake, Tygart Lake, Union City Dam and Reservoir, Woodcock Creek Lake and Youghiogheny River Lake.